MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member himself knows it.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Sir, how can it be an answer to my question?

PRESIDENT: All right Mr. Nadar, that question can be answered.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That date is not available here.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): The Chief Secretary knows it, Sir.

Statement, by caste, of District Registrars.

22. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the District Registrars?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Nayars ... 2
Vellala ... 1

Recruitment of Muslims as Provertikars and Pakuthi Accountants.

23. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that the communities that are poorly represented in the Land Revenue Department cannot find a place in the list of acting Accountants or Provertikars;

(*b*) that the Muslims are unrepresented in the Department as Accountants or Provertikars; and

(*c*) that none of the Muslims can aspire to a post as Accountant or Provertikar if the list of acting hands in the *pakuthies* is strictly followed?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have issued any instructions to the officers having powers of appointment that the said list, if any, should not be followed to the detriment of backward communities; and

(*b*) if it is not done, in what way the Government have attempted to remove the disabilities of Muslims and other unrepresented communities in the Department?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) Duly qualified members of unrepresented communities are being recruited as Accountants and the names of such men, when once appointed, are included in the list of acting hands. But promotions of Accountants as Provertikars are made according to seniority and not on considerations of communal representation.

(*b*) No. They are represented.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*).

(2) (*a*) No. Initial appointments are made on the basis of communal representation. But promotions are made according to seniority.

(*b*) Members of unrepresented communities are being appointed in the Revenue Department and they are given due promotions according to seniority.

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